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FALLING SHORT

UNC LOSES TO BAYLOR ON THE DOORSTEP OF FINAL FOUR

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TEMPE, Ariz. — North Carolina's pressure defense carried the Tar Heels to a 16-game winning streak entering the NCAA regional final, as they continually frustrated opponents throughout the season by converting that pressure into fast-break opportunities.

Second-seeded Baylor, however, forced UNC into primarily a half-court offense, and the top-seeded Tar Heels failed to capitalize.

North Carolina shot just 32 percent from the floor, including a 6-for-22 effort by point guard Ivory Latta, falling to the Lady Bears 72-63 on Monday night at Wells Fargo Arena, ending UNC's season while Baylor will advance to the Final Four in Indianapolis.

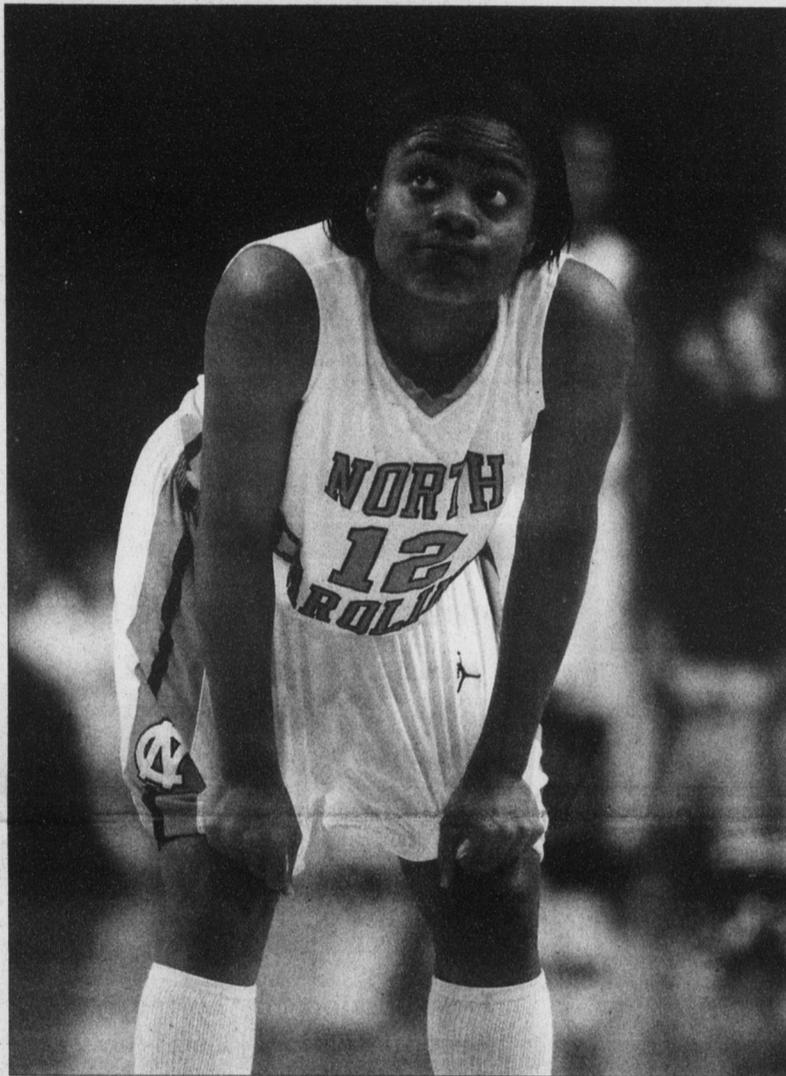
Ivory Latta, who had averaged shooting almost 57 percent from the field in the NCAA Tournament's first three games, was tightly guarded by Baylor's Chelsea Whitaker on Monday. And even though Latta scored a game-high 21 points, she was unable to connect on two critical 3-pointers in the middle of the second half as UNC (30-4) looked to fight back into the game.

"I just wasn't hitting my shots, and that was that," Latta said.

The rest of North Carolina's players failed to fare much better, as not one Tar Heel shot better than 50 percent. Yet UNC had cut the Baylor (31-4) lead to 11 with a 7-0 run with seven minutes remaining and then had three separate opportunities to bring the lead to single digits.

The team did not convert on any of them.

First, Camille Little misfired on a midrange jump shot, with Baylor securing the rebound. After the Lady Bears threw the ball into the backcourt, Little had a chance to redeem herself. But the sophomore shot an open 3-pointer long



North Carolina point guard Ivory Latta expresses her disappointment as UNC falls to Baylor 72-63 in Monday's regional final in Tempe, Ariz., ending the Tar Heels' season one game short of the Final Four.

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Small classes might land on cutting board

Budget cuts to imperil courses

BY ERIN ZUREICK
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As the clock winds down on Abigail Coward's time at UNC, course scheduling hasn't got any easier for the junior.

Coward, an international studies major, said that even though she is an upperclassman, she still hits roadblocks such as wait lists, large class sizes and a lack of new courses when making her schedule.

"You might get into a couple

classes you want, but the other classes are full," she said. "This year, I am taking summer school classes just so I can take the classes I want."

With the University potentially facing a 4 percent budget cut from the state, students like Coward might find even more scheduling headaches on the way.

In the wake of proposed budget reductions, University officials have formulated a contingency plan that includes cutting 200 class sections, in case UNC finds its budget slashed.

The proposed 4 percent reduc-

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Vote on veep to come today

Congress has yet to solidify position

BY KATHERINE EVANS
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Congress is set to decide the fate of student body vice president nominee Adrian Johnston tonight — but many of the body's members have yet to figure out where they stand.

Members of Student Congress voted last week to postpone a decision regarding Johnston after the appointment failed to garner the two-thirds majority needed to pass.

One week after 2 1/2 hours of deliberation — questioning the nominee selection process along with Johnston's character, qualifications and friendship with Student Body President-elect Seth Dearmin — Congress still appears to be far from a resolution.

Johnston was chosen from a

pool of four applicants, which also included former student body presidential candidate Seke Ballard, VoteCarolina Chairman Jeremy Spivey and Mark Laabs, slated to be Dearmin's chief of staff.

Rep. Kris Gould, who made the motion to reconvene today for the final decision, said most members of Congress did not have enough information at the last meeting to make a solid decision.

"There was possible information there, but not firm information," he said.

Many representatives said their

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Congress plans to end talks on VP nominee Adrian Johnston.

Alumna to take spot as UNC's new trustee

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After making a mark as a student, staff member, alumna and financial donor, Barbara Hyde will leave her Tar Heel footprints in UNC's history as its newest trustee.

Hyde, who graduated as a Morehead Scholar in 1983,

was recently approved by the UNC-system Board of Governors and will begin her four-year term as a member of the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees on July 1.

"It's a huge honor to have been nominated, and I think this is an important time in the University's history with the Carolina First (fund-raising) campaign heading toward successful conclusion," Hyde said.

"It's a time when I think we have a chance to make real the things we've been talking about." Hyde will take office at a time when emotional issues such as faculty retention and tuition increases dominate local media

and trustees' agendas. She will replace Philip G. Carson of Asheville, who did not seek reappointment after the completion of his first four-year term.

Hyde, the former director of the Arts and Sciences Foundation, serves on the executive committee of the Women's Leadership Council of the Carolina First campaign. Two women now serve on the board, which is made up of 12 voting members and the UNC-CH student body president, who serves as an ex officio member.

"I think there are many, many creative ways that the University can approach faculty retention," Hyde said, adding that she still needs to brush up on campus issues before her July appointment.

Richard "Stick" Williams, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said Hyde generated the interest of University administrators and trustees early in the process of searching for a new trustee.

"She brings this knack of reaching out to other constituents and getting them engaged," Williams said.

Although the board often looks for a specific area of expertise in a potential trustee, such as health care or law, Hyde's involvement with the University was enough to secure her appointment.

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McCants' defense plugs up the holes

BY DANIEL BLANK
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Heading into this year, Rashad McCants was labeled a one-dimensional player.

He was supposed to be an unstoppable force on offense but a liability on defense.

In four NCAA Tournament games, McCants has proven the first part, scoring 17.8 points per game.

Thanks to his offensive production — particularly a 15-point second half against Villanova on Friday and a 21-point performance Sunday against Wisconsin — the junior swingman was named to the Syracuse Region's all-tournament team.

But McCants' biggest contribution of the whole tournament came on the defensive end.

With little more than two minutes remaining and the Tar Heels clinging to a three-point lead against scrappy Wisconsin, the Badgers' Clayton Hanson got what seemed to be a good look from the right wing.

Hanson had been tearing the Tar Heel defense to shreds all day, finding holes in the 2-3 zone and making five of his first seven field goals — all 3-pointers.

But this time, as Hanson rose

for the potential game-tying shot, McCants swooped in and swatted the shot away.

"It was the biggest play of the game — definitely changed the game right there," said senior forward Jawad Williams. "That guy had been killing us all game with open 3s, and Rashad made a great effort to get over there and block the shot."

Earlier in the game, McCants found himself in a similar position — in Coach Roy Williams' doghouse.

Williams lifted Raymond Felton with 3:12 left in the first half to prevent the point guard from picking up his third foul, and in that span, McCants took a few bad shots. Wisconsin scored the last 11 points of the half to force

a tie at 44.

"He is so much more mature than even he was last year, much less what everybody tells me he was before," Williams said. "But what you saw was a mature basketball player who took again what I said, and I told him. That's over with, but you have to start play-

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Rashad McCants responds to the applause of the crowd that came to the Smith Center on Sunday night to greet the men's basketball team upon its return from Syracuse, N.Y., after it won a trip to the Final Four.

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